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The Honorable Doug Ducey, Governor  
State of Arizona  
1700 W. Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Governor Ducey,

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was signed into law by President Obama on July 22, 2014. This law requires the Governor of each State to designate the local workforce investment areas as was done under the previous law, Workforce Investment Act (WIA). These areas are led by the Local Elected Officials, who appoint the local Workforce Board of Directors. Per Section 106(b) (2), the Governor will approve a request for designation as a local workforce development area that was designated as a local area for purposes of WIA who have performed successfully and sustained fiscal integrity.

Cochise County is respectfully requesting to continue to be designated as a local workforce development area for the counties of Cochise, Greenlee and Graham. Our three county consortium (Southeastern Arizona Workforce Connection) has been very successful in both program areas as well as fiscal performance. We are proud to report our three county areas have met and exceeded all of our performance standards, our audits have been excellent and had no findings, and our area is considered low risk.

It has been a pleasure to work with the state Workforce Arizona Committee (WAC) which is housed within the Arizona Commerce Authority. We look forward to working with the state to successfully implement the Act so that employers and job seekers will prosper and assist in the overall economic development of our Counties and the State of Arizona.

Sincerely,

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